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## Plurals

To make words plural in Spanish, please follow these rules.

If the word ends in a vowel, just add –s.

ex. carpeta -> carpetas

If the word ends in a consonant, add –es.

ex. pared -> paredes

If the word ends in a –z, change it to a c and then add –es.

ex. lápiz -> lápices

## Gender of Nouns

In Spanish, each noun is given a gender, masculine or feminine. It is not the same as what we know as being masculine or feminine.

Generally, nouns ending in –a, are feminine and nouns ending in –o are masculine. However, there are some exceptions.

## Definite Articles

In Spanish, there are four ways to say “the”. They are el, la, los, and las. This must match the noun in gender (feminine or masculine) and number (singular or plural).

	singular	plural
masculine	el libro (the book)	los libros (the books)
feminine	la computadora (the computer)	las computadoras (the computers)

## Indefinite Articles

In Spanish, we use un or una to say “a” or “an”. We use unos or unas to say “some”. These must match in gender and number just like the definite articles.

	singular	plural
masculine	un lápiz (a pencil)	unos lápices (some pencils)
feminine	una silla (a chair)	unas sillas (some chairs)

## Adjective/Noun Agreement

Just like the definite and indefinite articles must match the noun, adjectives must also match the noun in which they describe.

Also, in Spanish, adjectives come after the nouns they describe.

Here are some examples using the colors we have learned.

blue walls: paredes azules (notice both words are made plural because wall is plural)

purple bookbag: mochila morada (notice that purple has been made feminine because bookbag is feminine)

yellow notebook: cuaderno amarillo

Some adjectives are neutral in gender for example, verde and azul. These still must match in number (singular or plural).

Let's practice:

Write the plural forms of the nouns and articles given.

1. la computadora \_\_\_\_\_
2. el reloj \_\_\_\_\_
3. una mesa \_\_\_\_\_
4. una carpeta \_\_\_\_\_
5. una clase \_\_\_\_\_
6. el escritorio \_\_\_\_\_
7. un cuaderno \_\_\_\_\_
8. el profesor \_\_\_\_\_
9. un lápiz \_\_\_\_\_
10. un cartel \_\_\_\_\_
11. la estudiante \_\_\_\_\_
12. un sacapuntas \_\_\_\_\_
13. el mes \_\_\_\_\_
14. el bolígrafo \_\_\_\_\_
15. una grapadora \_\_\_\_\_

Translate the following to Spanish.

1. green folder \_\_\_\_\_
2. gray scissors \_\_\_\_\_
3. three teachers \_\_\_\_\_
4. white board \_\_\_\_\_
5. brown tables \_\_\_\_\_
6. four classes \_\_\_\_\_
7. black chair \_\_\_\_\_
8. orange bookbag \_\_\_\_\_
9. red stapler \_\_\_\_\_
10. purple books \_\_\_\_\_